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discussion. Senator Foley, you have talked three times. Sorry. Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Members of the body, I haven't spoken on this issue this year, but I certainly have spoken out before when we debated the bill on fetal homicide. And I would suggest to you that if it was wrong to kill a fetus, it is certainly wrong to assault a fetus. That's just a logical conclusion. We strive for consistency within our law structure. We try to align our definitions so that we don't have conflicts within the law. I think it's important that we use the same definitions in this bill that were used in the fetal homicide bill. I think it's important that we recognize the worth, not only to the woman but to society, of children. Clearly Nebraska has struggled with a demographic problem. We need more citizens. We clearly don't have enough people coming into the borders of this state, or being born into this state, to provide all the services that will be demanded by the baby boomers as they leave the work force. So we can talk about it emotionally, or we can talk about it very factually, and I think by and large most people are approaching this from a very factual, unemotional standpoint. I think it's important that government protect all of those who cannot defend themselves. Clearly, an unborn embryo is not capable of defending itself, and I don't think that we can say it's wrong to kill it but it's okay to hurt it, it's okay to damage it. I think it's just being consistent within our law structure. I would hope that all of you think about this from the standpoint of policy and what the obligation of government is to its citizenry, especially those that are weak, rather than looking at this as it may be a dogma or a position of one church. I can assure you that I talk to citizens across the state, across the country, and I don't find this to be a universally accepted dogma only of a Catholic Church. I find it to be accepted everywhere. I think it's interesting that Senator Friend was just talking about some of the states that might be considered less sophisticated and they don't struggle understanding this. And it's interesting to have him bring before us the fact that California, which is considered a very liberal state and very sophisticated, does not have a problem understanding this. So perhaps we're making it too complicated. Perhaps we're trying